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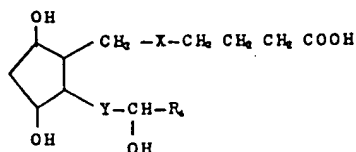
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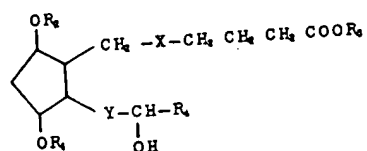
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Claim

Method for the manufacture of prostaglandin compounds
represented by the general formula,



from alicyclic esters of the general formula,



by hydrolysis under acidic and also basic conditions in any order, wherein, in the general formulas, R_1 represents 2-tetrahydropyranyl, 2-tetrahydrofuranyl, or a 1-ethoxyethyl group; R_2 represents an acyl group; R_3 represents a lower alkyl group; R_4 represents a n-pentyl, n-hexyl, or n-heptyl group; X and Y represent $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2-$ or $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$.